MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Union Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

GREENBRIER CHURCH,

CLAIBORNE COUNTY, MISS.,

September 23d, 24th, and 26th, 1887.

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OFFICERS:

S. W. SIBLEY.....MODERATOR.
J. D. GRANBERRY.....CLERK.
C. J. GREEN.....TREASURER.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Pine Bluff Church, Copiah Co., Miss., Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1887, 10 A. M.

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FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

Friday, Sept. 23th, 1887.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Union Bbptist Association convened in the Sixty-Seventh Annual Session, with Greenbrier Church, at Hermanville, Claiborne county, Miss., on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1887.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder S. W. Sibley, Moderator.

A recess of ten minutes was had, and the body re-assembled and heard the Introductory Sermon preached by Elder J. Jasper Green, from Nehemiah 3:6.

On motion, adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M., to partake of refreshments.

Afternoon Session.

Elder S. W. Sibley, Moderator, presiding.

After a song and prayer offered by Elder J. P. Williams, Brethren S. R. Young and I. H. Anding were appointed Reading Clerks.

The Clerk called the roll of churches, when twenty of the number responded with letters, and the following delegates were enrolled, viz:

Antioch—J. E. Matthews, F. M. Bufkin and S. L. Green.
Bethesda—Martin Nevils and Joe Cupit.
Beech Grove—C. H. Phillips.

Bethany—H. H. Segrist, Lott Smith and R. P. Smith.

Brushy Fork—John W. Clark, George F. Boren and Isaac Daniels.

Central Chapel—G. A. Nusom, A. Shoemaker on petitionary letter.

Damascus—Elder R. H. Purser, J. D. Granberry, Thomas Hays and Robert Slay.

Fellowship—W. G. Foster, A. C. Till and H. Woods.

Gallman—Elder I. H. Anding, J. W. Parsons and P. H. Brown.

Greenbrier—J. W. Crews, J. W. Walters and Joel Williams.

Hazlehurst—Elder S. W. Sibley, Elder A. A. Lomax and J. A. Bass

New Zion—Elder J. E. Lowe, W. J. Scott and I. F. Scott.

New Providence—Elder J. J. Green.

Philadelphia—Elder Joseph Buckles.

Pine Bluff—Elder J. H Purser, Elder S. R. Young, Elder H. T. Lewis and T. J. Martin.

Pleasant Hill—William Rodgers and Harvey Smith.

Piedmont—Elder William Stranburg and W. W. Cupit.

Port Gibson—E. B. Thompson.

Rodney—Elder J. P. Williams and W. E. Bolls.

Spring Hill—R. J. McKinley and W. F. Renfrow.

Sims' Chapel—Peter McPherson and M. Walters.

Smyrna—H. J. Simmons.

White Oak—J. H. Jacob, E. K. Anderson and J. O. Green, (on 24th September).

An election for officers was then taken by ballot, resulting as follows, to-wit:

For Moderator, Elder S. W. Sibley.
For Clerk, J. D. Granberry.
For Treasurer, C. J. Green.

Petitionary Letters.

Central Chapel, of Jefferson county, applied for admission into membership, and was correspondingly received by Elder S. W. Sibley, Moderator, extending to her delegates, namely, I. Rollins and E. I. Trim, the hand of fellowship,

Correspondence.

Recognized, Elder A. W. Griffing, of Carey Association.

Recognized, Elder W. S. Webb, of State Convention Board.

Recognized, Elder S. M. Ellis, of Strong River Association.

Recognized, Elder E. M. Bennett colored, of Jackson Missionary Association.

Recognized, Secretary W. S. Pleasant, colored, of Jackson Missionary Association.

Recognized, Elder W. A. McComb, of Chicasawhay Association.

Recognized, Elder G. B. Rogers, of Carey Association, (on 26th).

Recognized, Elder J. B. Gambrell, of Central Association and State Convention Board, (on 26th).

On motion, the Order of Business for 1886 was adopted, viz:

1 Introductory Sermon.
2 Organize.
3 Call for Petitionary Letters.
4 Call for Correspondence.
5 Appointment of Committees.
6 Appointment of Corresponding Messengers.
7 Hearing Reports.
8 Motions and Resolutions.

Adjourn.

Appointment of Committees.

On Religious Worship—The Pastor and Deacons of Greenbrier Church.

On Finance—H. C. Cond, G. W. Foster and W. F. Renfro.

Appointment of Corresponding Messengers.

To Strong River Association—Elders I. H. Anding, A. A. Lomax and J. J. Green.

To Fair River Association—Elders Joseph Buckles, P. H. Purser, J. J. Green, S. W. Sibley, and Brethren F. J. Martin and J. E. Matthews.

To Central Association—Elder S. W. Sibley.

To Carey Association—Elder William Stranburg.

To State Convention—Elders J. J. Green, S. R. Young, Wm.

Stranburg, R. H. Purser, S. W. Sibley, H. T. Lewis, J. E. Lowe, and Brethren H. C. Conn, W. J. Scott, J. D. Granberry, C. J. Green, Thomas Hays and G. W. Foster.

To State Convention—G. F. Boren, H. H. Segrist, W. C. Green, T. J. Martin, Martin Nevils, J. C. Harris, I. N. Ellis, J. E. Chiles, W. F. Smith, I. N. Garrett, J. W. Clark, Lott Smith, W. W. Cupit, T. J. Kent, J. W. Parsons and R. W. O. Quin.

Moved, That this body meet at 9 A. M.; devotional exercises, one half hour; adjourn at 12 M.; meet at 2 P. M.; adjourn at pleasure.

Committee on Nominations—W. J. Scott, J. W. Clark and J. W. Crews.

Report of Committee on Religious Worship

Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, preaching at the Baptist Church by Rev. R. H. Purser; preaching Saturday night at 8 o'clock, at the hall, by Rev. S. W. Sibley; Sunday-School mass meeting, at the hall. Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. J. Green.

Preaching at the hall Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, by Rev. W. S. Webb, D. D.; preaching at the Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, by Rev. A. A. Lomax; preaching at the hall Sunday evening at 1:30 o'clock, by Rev. G. B. Rogers; preaching at the Baptist Church Sunday evening at 1:30 o'clock, by Rev. I. H. Anding; preaching Sunday night at 8 o'clock, at the Baptist Church, by Rev. Joseph Buckles.

W. A. McCOMB,
J. W. CREWS,
S. M. ELLIS,
Committee.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.
Prayer by Elder R. H. Purser.
Benediction.

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SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Saturday, September, 24th, 1887.

Elder S. W. Sibley, Moderator, in the chair.
Bro. S. M. Ellis conducted the devotional excrcises, after

which the Clerk read the minutes of the first day, and the same were, on motion, adopted.

Apportionment.

The Moderator announced the following Brethren as a Committee on Apportionment, viz:

Elders A. A. Lomax, Joseph Buckles, S. R. Young, J. J. Green, J. P. Williams, and Brethren J. C. Harris, E. Dudley, G. W. Foster, J. W. Parsons, W. J. Scott, W. F. Renfro and E. L. Bolls.

Foreign Missions.

The committee's report was read, discussed and adopted, viz:

Very few of the inhabitants of the earth have ever yet heard the Gospel. Our world is a heathen world to-day. Nine-tenths of it is to-day in the darkness of Catholicism and Paganism, while one-tenth only is bright with the Gospel. We live in the bright part; but 1,200,000,000 souls live and die in the darkness. Much is being done by Baptists and other Christians to give the Gospel to these. Over 3,000 men and 2,500 women missionaries have gone to help carry it to them. But there are far too few. Lord Radstock has made a careful estimate of the number of missionaries India needs to-day, and places it at 10,000, besides those already there. As many are needed for Africa, twice as many for China, and we can safely say that 40,000 additional missionaries, and the money to support them, are needed for the foreign mission work to-day, and the places are open and waiting for them to fill.

Southern Baptist Missions.

Including the Cuban Mission, we have twenty-one men and thirty-one women missionaries, with sixty native assistants in foreign fields. Number of converts, 1,748; baptised last year, 390; number of pupils, 1,171. Some of our missionaries are very prosperous. Thus Rev. A. J. Diaz writes from Cuba, March 1, 1887, of having Baptised 102 converts in two months, and that from every part of the island the cry comes, "we want

the Gospel;" and later, writes of his having arisen many times in a single night to bless God for the wonderful things he was doing for the cause in and around the great city of Havana. From Mexico, Rev. W. D. Powell writes of "the grandest trip of my life," having baptixed 81 converts and organized two churches in the month of July. From Shanghai, Rev. M. T. Yates writes that one of his Deacon's, Wang Yew San has built a chapel costing $1,000 all at his own expense, in which he also preaches, to the wonder of his own people and the delight of the missionaries.

To support their missionaries, Southern Baptists raised last year some $90,000, Mississippi Baptists giving $4,600. Much more is needed for the present year. Mississippi Baptists are asked for $8,000 for this year, and you, brethren of the Union Association, are asked in Christ's name to do your part.

Every one of our mission stations needs reinforcements. New and inviting fields are opening continually before our missionaries and they are begging for men and money to enter them, and brethren, they ought not beg in vain.

The time was when Christians prayed that the world might be opened to the gospel. The world is open now. Then they prayed for laborers to be willing to go as missionaries. Now, three thousand young men and women in this country, and sixteen hundred in England, many of them Baptists, have enrolled their names as being ready to go to the foreign field. This list, also, is constantly increasing. Appications for work as foreign missionaries are constantly coming in. Brethren, is not the hand of God in these things? Oh, if Christians could now arise to their full duty, would but give as they could of their money to send these young men and women to the fields waiting for them, how quickly would the heathen have the gospel, and the kingdom of God be come on earth.

The following suggestions are recommended.

1. The extensive distribution of missionary papers and tracts among our members; enabling them, in the language of Christ, to "Look on the fields." John 4:35.

2. The observing by the churches in some way, the monthly concert or meeting of prayer for missions; thus obeying

Christ's command "Pray ye therefore to the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest." Luke 10:2.

3. Literal giving of our money to send out and support missionaries, thus enabling our abundance to be a supply of the necessities of the perishing heathen. 2 Cor. 8:4.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. WHITFIELD,
VICE PREST., F. M. B.

By ALEX. A. LOMAX,
Committee.

Mississippi College and Ministerial Education.

Reports read, discussed and adoped respectively, viz.:

Your committee on Mississippi College would report the following:

We are happy in being permitted to say that Mississippi College is doing well, not so well, however, that it could not do better, but so far we have abundant reason to be thankful for the degree of prosperity attending our College. The patronage for the last session was good indeed, the attendance when compared with that of other schools, was very complimentary, reaching two hundred and twenty matriculants. Added to this, the general support has been good. Our people have not been unmindful of the benefits growing out of this institution to us as a denomination and to the cause of Christ at large. It is emphatically the school for the poor as well as the rich. The young man with a holy ambition to make the best of his life, though he may be moneyless, yet here he finds the helping spirit of a noble brotherhood crystalized in this school.

We have only to open our eyes and look out upon the fields of the world to see what God is doing through this agency for man's good and for his glory. These and kindred blessings are moving the hearts of the people to the support of the College, both by their prayers and their money. Let us work and wait for the good day when our College, by the help of a consecrated brotherhood, shall be self-sustaining, in that it shall have every neces-

ary equipment, in buildings, laboratories and endowment, for the futherance of a work so divinely approved and so universally blessed.

Respectfully,

I. H. ANDING,
Committee.

Ministerial Education.

The minister of Jesus Christ is His teacher and leader in the church. To correctly teach the great moral and spiritual truths of God's word, and to safely lead the redeemed into greener pastures and into higher walks of divine life, the very highest degree of culture of the whole man is a prime necessity. Every man needs an education; and why not the preacher, who assumed to know something and to teach it? Ignorance in the lawyer or physician is despised by the world, and the proof that illiteracy is no recommendation to the preacher is that an intelligent people will not tolerate him, even though he be a man of deep piety. Piety and learning are not antagonistic; but the highest development of Christian character is impossible to the man of God whose mind is shut in by the evils of ignorance. The pulpit is the intellectual and spiritual eye of the church. It must not be false in such a pretention or the reproach will fall upon the cause of our Master. "Like priest-like people," is a truth founded upon the observation of the ages, and our churches cannot keep abreast the age in its multifarious progress, or if not abreast, cannot be brought to higher development if our ministry is weak and illiterate. Progress in all channels, religious and secular, demands of us an educated ministry, or we will sink to that obscurity in the Christian world which was once our condition and place, and from which we are rising only as our representatives in the pulpit come to the front in leading God's hosts, in preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ, and in bringing a living Christianity practicably to bear upon the ever new phases of this life. The word of God is not silent upon this essential qualification of the preacher of the Gospel. He is exhorted to "neglect not the gift that is in himself," and to "study to show himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be

ashamed, rightly divining the word of truth." Paul exhorted Timothy to read, to study and to meditate. Jesus trained His apostles for their life-work; God put on record His appreciation of sanctified learning, when he chose a man learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians to be a leader to the hosts of Israel; and when he fostered through many ages His school for the prophets, and when He chose a man who had been brought up at the feet of the learned Gamaliel to go forth into the intellectual world as the expounder of the new doctrine of life and of Godliness, and to pen those immortal epistles to the churches, which for intellectual vigor and for dept of reasoning the learned world confesses His mastery; these tokens of God's regard for his pious culture, added to which the manifest favor of our Lord in an enlarged sphere of usefulness upon His chosen servants become possesed of learning united with heart piety, and there is such a tribute paid to knowledge, skill and learning as to awaken admiration for the wisdom of God in His chosing cultivated and trained leaders of His hosts. In conclusion, the subject appeals to every minister of Christ to be a better and more efficient preacher, to study to show himself approved of God in His work, to forget past attainments and press on towards the higher mark as it is in Jesus Christ. Further, every God-called young preacher among our churches should seek the facilities of a thorough education, as is afforded by our denomination at Mississippi College. There is no excuse for our young men entering upon the active duties of the ministry without this necessary fitness of training. It is an infliction upon the churches, and as parties to which there is mutual guilt. Let the churches strenuously insist upon our young ministers attending Mississippi College until they are qualified to teach Divine truth before they call them into active work. Now, when we have prayed for more laborers and God is answering our prayer most signally, and when we have urged these to make diligent preparation in the class-room, is it not a most sacred duty laid upon us to help such brethren, by supporting them while at College according to their necessities? The great number of the called of God are poor. It seems that God would thus call us unto a kind of copartnership with Himself in training and developing these gifts

to the churches for His service. What an honor! Angels might well feel exalted to be thus made co-laborers with God! Fifty young ministers were enrolled during the last session of the College. More than ever before. Contribution to their aid should, therefore, correspondingly increase. About $100 were contributed to ministerial education during the past Associational year. It is urged that prayer be offered for more laborers and that they be trained for the Master's use.

Respectfully,

S. M. ELLIS,
Committee.

While discussing these reports.

On motion, adjourned to 2 o'clock.

Benediction by Elder Joseph Buckles.

Afternoon Session.

Resumed business at 2 o'clock by song and prayer by Elder S. R. Young.

Adopted the reports.

On motion, Bro. E. B. Thompson was received as a delegate from Port Gibson Church, and asked to make up a letter for the same; also the delegates from White Oak Church with their letter were received.

Temperance.

Report read, discussed, amended and adopted, viz:

Your Committee on Temperance respectfully submit the following:

We have tried to consider the subject in the light of reason and common sense, as well as in the light of the Scriptures and the theory of religion. Temperance, as a Christian virtue, is a protective power over all other virtues, as well as life and health. It demands moderation in things innocent, but in regard to many in which it is specially called for, it enforces absolute prohibition. Temperance in the gospel is a word with a most distinct and significant meaning; if anything is wrong or leads to evil, temperance ends it at once. It admits no half-way work, no trying of uncertain courses, no palliating or excusing; it is an executive force with which a Christian is armed by the word of God

and an enlightened conscience, and by which he is to maintain himself pure and spotless in this world. Gospel temperance in its strict meaning confers no privilege of any kind. Its meaning and its action is to restain, to repress and prevent evil. The temperance cause is not a work of folly or fanaticism; it is founded on nature, in reason, in Divine law. Those engaged in it sustain the best interests of the community and protect the virtues of the people. Order, peace and happiness are not the companions of intoxicating drink; only misery, intoxication, a death of despair, piteous complaints and sorrow, broken hearts. All must see there is a great work before us to stop the use and sale of intoxicating drink. This is a good work, and no one can be indifferent to it without being reprehensible "to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." In view of the evil to be suppressed and the good to be accomplished, we call upon the ministry to speak out boldly and fearlessly against this evil. We urge the churches to enforce rigid discipline against intemperance; we appeal to every husband and father, to every wife and mother, to every sister and brother, to every friend and neighbor, to every lover of good, peace and prosperity to arise in their unity and power to assert and maintain the right of the whole community to protection against this evil; then will the day of our redemption be at hand.

(AMENDMENT.)

Resolved, That we record it as our determination to withdraw fellowship from every church whose members or pastor sign whisky petitions, go on the bond of liquor dealers or give countenance in any way to the whisky traffic.

S. R. YOUNG,
Committee.

Adjourned.
Benediction by Elder J. P. Hemby.

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THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

MONDAY, Sept. 26th, 1887.

The Association met at 9 o'clock pursuant to adjournment. Religious exercises were conducted by Elder S. W. Sibley,

Moderator, after which he officially opened the Association for business.

The reading of the minutes were deferred.

Elder G. B. Rogers was enrolled from Carey Association.

The letter from New Providence was received and read.

On motion, a committee on the expediency of a new Association was appointed, to report to-day, viz: Elder I. H. Anding, Elder R. H. Purser and G. W. Foster.

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REPORTS

Sunday-Schools.

The report was read, discussed and adopted, viz:

Your Committee would beg leave to report as follows: Our people are waking up to the importance of teaching the rising generation, upon whom depends the future welfare of our homes, government and churches. An important factor in training young minds is the Sunday-School work. It is gratifying to learn that our schools are increasing in numbers as well as in interest and proficiency. We regret to learn, however, that there are churches within the bounds of this Association that have no school. There is doubtless a lack of interest in this important work in those churches. Therefore, we would recommend that the pastors of those churches see to it, and do all in their power, not only to organize, but to build up the Sunday-School interest, so that the benign effect of this grand work may be known and felt by all. As there are but few Sunday-Schools that are what they should be, your committee would further recommend that *all* pastors and people put forth an earnest and persistent effort to arouse a greater interest, and to elevate upon a higher plain the Sunday-School work.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. ROGERS,
Committee.

Moved and carried, that Elder J. B. Gambrell, Editor of the Southern Baptist Record, be enrolled as a messenger from Central Association and State Convention Board.

The reports on State Missions Apportionment (by consent) and home missions were read and discussed respectively and adopted, viz.:

State Missions.

Your committee beg leave to report the work of missions conducted by the State Board is, indeed, gratifying and encouraging. All along the line of God's hosts the shout of victory is heard, and it seems our people are working as never before to possess the world for Christ. They are freely giving of their means and encouraging by their prayers. The present plan under which the Board is working seems very satisfactory and successful. The contributions of the 912 churches in our State, comprising more than 70,000 Baptists were for the last year, to our State work $23,885.26—about thirty-two cents per capita. This is too small, but several hundred dollars in advance of any previous year. During the last year there were under the patronage of the Board, fifty-six Missionaries laboring more or less of their time. By these were baptized more than seven hundred people, and twelve churches and thirty-three Sunday-schools were organized; also many good books and more than thirty-six thousand pages of tracts distributed.

There is still alarming destitution in our own State. "the fields are white unto the harvest." A great field is opened before us in the interest of the colored race. Their confidence in their white neighbors is being restored and they are expressing a willingness to receive instructions from their white brethen. Let us not neglect these simple-hearted people, but use every means for their education and christianization.

May God put it into the hearts of His people to come up with their contributions, prayers and good works and possess this fair land for Christ.

Respectfully submmitted,

J. JASPER GREEN.
Committee.

Apportionment.

Your committee on Apportionment beg leave to submit the following, viz.:

Hazlehurst	$275 00
White Oak	75 00
Damascus	125 00
New Providence	60 00
Gallman	82 50
Fellowship	40 00
New Zion	75 00
Philadelphia	25 00
Spring Hill	66 00
Beech Grove	25 00
Pleasant Hill	40 00
Antioch	12 00
Smyrna	30 00
Port Gibson	15 00
Pine Bluff	60 00
Piedmont	10 00
Bushy Fork	25 00
Bethesda	30 00
Green Brier	22 00
Rodney	25 00
Bethany	12 00
Sims Chapel	10 00
Central Chapel	5 00

We beg to add that this is in no sense of the term an assessment, but simply an apportionment out-lining something of the needs of the work under the care of the Convention Board, and about the amount we supposed the respective churches would be willing to try to raise. If they can do better, we shall be glad, if they do less than this the cause will suffer.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX. A. LOMAX,
Chairman of Committee.

Home Missions.

Your Committee on Home Missions would report that still some difficulties are in the way of the prosecution of the Home Mission Work, as mentioned in your last report that the confusion of our people upon the various objects presented to them

for their support; and we believe that they should have further instruction on these various objects and they would receive a better support. Yet we observe that this department of the Mission Work it growing steadily under the management of the Home Mission Board; Dr. I. T. Tichenor being the Corresponding Secretary, while there is an increasing interest in the general mission work.

This one department has a place in the affections of our people. The appointment of an assistant Corresponding Secretary shows an enlargement of the work on Home Missions, and while this is true, the Board cannot operate without the prayers. sympathy and contributions of our people. Therefore, first, it is enjoined upon us to "pray unto the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into His harvest;" therefore, an increase of laborers calls for an increase of contributions for their support—hence the great importance of keeping the support of this work before our people.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PURSER,
Committee.

Expediency of New Association.

Report read, discussed and adopted.

Your committe would report that while it is a privilege for any church or churches composing this body to withdraw and form a new organization, yet under the present circumstances we deem it inexpedient for such a division to arise. The time will come, no doubt, in the future when such a division will not only be expedient, but will be a felt necessity. But for the present your committee would recommend that the old Union continue with an undivided territory to the end that our weaker churches may be helped by the stronger, and that the Kingdom of our Lord may go on from strength to strength until all our territory shall be occupied for our Lord by strong and vigorous churches.

Respectfully submitted,

I. H. ANDING,
R. H. PURSER,
G. W. FOSTER,
Committee.

Publications.

The report was read, discussed (during discussion time for adjournment was extended twenty minutes) and adopted, viz.:

Your committee would recommend, first of all, the reading of the Bible; for we need to go to the fountain head of knowledge, lest we be carried away by the isms of men, which are being thrown around us like the autumn leaves. Let us, then, not simply read, but be careful *what* we read.

We would therefore recommend as not only safe, but necessary to our Christian development in knowledge, the reading of the Southern Baptist Record, published at Meridian, Miss., also the Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Va., the Sunday-school literature of the American Baptist Publication Society and Kind Words, Macon, Ga., and as our temperance organ we recommend the Sword and Shield, Jackson, Miss.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. PURSER,
Committee.

Nominations.

The report was read and adopted, viz:

Place of meeting, Pine Bluff, Copiah county, Miss., on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1888, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Introductory Sermon—S. W. Sibley; alternate, I. H. Anding.
Mississippi College—I. H. Anding.
Ministerial Education—A. A. Lomax.
Foreign Missions—J. J. Green.
State Missions—J. H. Purser.
Home Missions—J. W. Parsons.
Temperance—J. W. Clark.
Pastoral Support—G. W. Foster.
Publications—J. O. Green.
Woman's Work—C. J. Green.
Sunday-Schools—W. L. Cooper.

W. J. SCOTT,
J. W. CLARK,
J. W. CREWS,
Committee.

Pastoral Support.

Read, and while under discussion adjourned for one hour for refreshments.

Benediction by Elder G. B. Rogers.

Afternoon Session.

Song and prayer by Elder R. H. Purser.

Resumed consideration of report on Pastoral Support.

On motion, limited speeches to five minutes.

Report adopted, viz:

We believe that God has called a portion of the human family to be ministers, whose duty it is to preach the gospel, and *have* committed to them the spiritual over-sight of his flock, to teach them in spiritual things, watch, and avoid all heresies and false teachings. This calling we *hold* sacred and with reverence. But a call to a church we regard as a mere contract between church and minister similar to other contracts made by men, in which a mutual agreement is made, and one party as much duty bound as the other. I, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we recommend to every church and minister in this Association the following resolutions: 1st. That in connection with a call for a pastor, the amount to be paid him be stipulated. 2nd. That the full time for which a church calls a pastor be required of him, given in preaching and the spiritual understanding of that church. 3d. That if the minister called can not consistently serve the church and comply with these resolutions for the sum offered, that he by no means accept the call as pastor.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY L. LEWIS,
Committee.

Finance.

The report was read and adopted, viz:

Your Committee on Finance respectfully report that we have examined the Treasurer's report and found the same correct. We have also received, and turned over to the Treasurer the following sums of money sent up by the churches:

Associational purposes	$ 85 75
State Missions	122 80
Foreign Missions	5 00
Ministerial Education	22 00
Sunday collection for Bro. J. O. Green	27 70
From Port Gibson for missionary pastor	10 00

G. W. FOSTER,
W. F. RENFROW,
Committee.

(No report of Treasurer was handed to the Clerk for publication.)—J. D. G., Clerk.

Motions and Reslutions.

Resolved, That whereas, the Ladies' Aid Societies of our Association have responded so feebly in sending their work to this body as requested at our last session; and

Whereas, It is impossible to make a good report; therefore

Resolved, That we earnestly request them to report according to blank form published in our minutes.

Resolved, That we extend to the community of Hermanville our hearty thanks for the generous hospitality enjoyed while in her midst.

Resolved, That the Clerk of our Association be allowed twenty-five dollars ($25) for his services; that he have printed the number of minutes called for by the churches, and 500 blank forms of church letter to the Association (the Treasurer paying for the same), and the Treasurer turn over balance to State Board.

Moved, That the Clerk grant letters of dismission to churches that may ask for them.

On motion, adjourned to meet as directed by the Committee on Nominations.

The minutes of the second and third days were read and adopted.

The hand of parting fellowship was taken, followed by Elder J. B. Gambrell in prayer.

Benediction.

ELD. S. W. SIBLEY, Moderator.

J. D. GRANBERRY, Clerk.

FORM OF WOMEN'S AID SOCIETY LETTER.

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The.....Aid Society of.....Church,

To Union Baptist Association:

Paid.....Pastor's Salary, $.....

" .....Foreign Missions, $.....

" .....Home Missions, $.....

" .....State Missions, $.....

" .....Associational Missions, $.....

" .....Ministerial Education, $.....

" .....Mississippi College, $.....

" .....Repairing Church, $.....

" .....Church Appurtenances, $.....

" .....Visiting Ministers, $.....

" .....Indigent Members, $.....

" .....S. C. Board, $.....

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Done in Society,.....188...

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FORM OF LETTER.

THE..... .....BAPTIST CHURCH,

TO UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:

We send as delegates to represent us in your body, our brethren.....and as alternates, ...

STATISTICS—CHURCH.

Received—by baptism.....; by letter.....; by restoration.....; total..... Lost—by death.....; by letter.... by expulsion.....; total.....; Membership last year.....; increase .....; diminution..... Present membership—males. .....; females.....; total.....

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Pastor's salary....., Foreign Missions.....; Home Missions.....; State Missions.....; Associational Missons....; Ministerial Education.....; Mississippi College.....; Other Objects.....; Total.....

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Value of house of worship.....; of other property.....; Expended on buildings and repairs.....

STATISTICS—SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Officers and teachers....; Scholars....; Total....; Time of Meeting.....; Expenses .....; Literature used.....; Superintendent.....; Contributions by other bodies (included in church contributions)..... Pastor.....; Post-office..... Clerk.....; Post-office..... Ordained ministers.....; Licentiates.....

REMARKS.

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We ask for.....copies of your minutes.

May the Great Head of the church manifest His presence in your meetings, and make your deliberations harmanious and to the glory of God.

Done by order of the church in conference..... 188..

.....Moderator.

.....Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

OF THE

Union Baptist Association.

ADOPTED, FIRST SESSION, SEPT. 18, 1820.

PREAMBLE.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith, are convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for a preservation of our Union among churches of the same faith and order, we, therefore agree to form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

I. We believe in one triune God, the Father. the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

II. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

III. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude; in the imputation of all his sins to all his posterity, in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

IV. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love, that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that he calleth them with a holy and effectual calling, and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, they are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation.

V. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the man Christ Jesus, who, by the satisfaction he made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law that they might be holy and without blame before him in love.

VI. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state; and that all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

VII. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment; that the happiness of the righteous and the punnishment of the wicked will be everlasting.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a Church of Jesus Christ is a congregation of immersed believers, who have given themselves to the Lord, and to one another by the will of God, and have covenanted to keep up a godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the gospel.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of the church—the only Lawgiver—and the government is with the church.

3. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the gospel

ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.

4. That the immersion of the body in water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is the only Scriptural baptism as taught by Christ and His Apostles.

5. That none but regularly baptized church members, who live a holy life, have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6. That it is the privilege and duty of all believers to make public profession of their faith, by submitting themselves, as subjects of baptism and as members, to the visible church.

7. That it is the duty of every regularly organized church to expel from her communion, all disorderly and immoral members or those who hold doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

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RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Those delegates who are regularly chosen by the churches of our Union, shall compose the Association.

2. The delegates so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their oppointment, together with the number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, and dead since the last Association.

3. Delegates thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the "Union Baptist Association."

4. The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into this Union, they shall petition by letter and delegates. If received, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship. The Association shall always have power to receive or reject applicants for membership.

6. No church in this Union shall have a right to more than three delegates, unless she shall exceed one hundred members; then she shall have a right to an additional delegate for every additional fifty members.

7. Every query sent to the Association, by any church in the Union, shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator whether it shall be debated; and if there shall be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; povided, always, that those be first considered which affect the umion of the churches.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the person who made it.

9. Only one person shall speak at once, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator.

10. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted except he depart from the subject, break the Rules of Decorum, or cast reflections upon a brother, in which case he shall be immediately called to order by the Moderator.

11. No person shall speak more than twice upon the same subject without leave of the Moderator.

12. No brother shall finally depart from the conference without leave of the Association.

13. All reports to this body shall be sent up in writing.

14. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question that may be debated; provided, the chair be previously filled, but shall only have the privil

edge of voting when the Association is equally divided.

15. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association deems expedient.

16. We think it actually necessary to have an Associtional fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as it may think proper, and send them by their delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches shall be deposited in the hands of the treasurer, by the Association appointed, who shall be accountable to the Association for all the money by him received, and paid out according to the direction of the same.

17. The name of no delegate shall appear upon the minutes of this Association who absents himself before adjournment without leave of the Association.

18. The Minutes of this Association shall read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

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POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. It shall be the business of the Association to provide for the general union of the churches.

2. To keep us a friendly correspondence (when convenient) with other Associations of the same faith and order.

3. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

4. It shall be the duty of the Association to give the

churches the best advice in their power, in difficult matters, to inquire into any difficulties which may exist between sister churches, and remove them if possible.

5. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry as assistants, but not to give them the privilege of voting.

6. This Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the Union, which may be unsound in principle, or immoral in practice, until reclaimed.

7. To appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business which the Association may deem necessary.

8. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any time or place they may think proper.

9. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	ABSTRACTS.	Time of Meeting.	Baptized.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	No of Minutes.
Antioch	Copiah	Spirits good		2	6	...	8	9	2	31	39	70	36
Bethesda	Jefferson	Wonderfully blessed		16	10	2	6	2	...	...	.....	.....	25
Beech Grove	Claiborne	Revived		4	3	2	.....	2	...	36	37	63	20
Bethany	Copiah.	Revived		1	.....	1	.....	2	...	20	30	50	20
Brushy Fork	Copiah.	Revived		5	.....	1	.....	2	...	35	49	82	25
Central Chapel	Jefferson			...	17	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	12
Damascus	Copiah		1st Sabbath	9	11	3	2	...	...	98	195	293	60
Fellowship	Jefferson	Peace, etc	1st & 3d Sab.	6	3	...	17	1	...	24	38	.....	30
Gallman	Copiah	Blessed	3d Sabbath.	29	32	2	11	2	2	...	.....	129	20
Greenbrier	Claiborne			6	6	...	1	2	2	25	26	51	15
Hazlehurst	Copiah.	Improving	Ea Sabbath	4	20	1	.....	6	1	56	94	150	35
New Zion	Copiah.		2d Sabbath.	14	2	2	11	2	1	55	83	138	40
New Providence	Copiah		1st Sabbath.	1	.....	1	9	1	...	31	37	68	20
Philadelphia	Lincoln			...	2	...	6	...	1	22	25	47	20
Pine Bluff	Copiah	Revived		24	1	6	1	17	3	...	.....	.....	50
Pleasant Hill	Copiah			14	16	5	27	2	2	74	92	166	66
Piedmont		At peace		...	4	...	4	...	...	...	.....	.....	10
Port Gibson	Claiborne.			...	1	...	1	...	...	...	.....	.....	5
Rodney	Jefferson			1	1	1	1	...	1	16	10	26	20
Spring Hill	Copiah	Hramonious		3	3	...	1	...	2	34	40	74	25
Sims' Chapel	Claiborne		2d Sabbath.	5	2	...	.....	...	...	20	18	38	15
Smyrna	Copiah		1st Sabbath	8	9	...	2	...	...	22	38	60	20
White Oak	Copiah		3d Sabbath.	8	1	...	3	...	5	44	57	101	30
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CHURCH WORK.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions	State Missions.	Associa'nal Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Mississippi College	Other Objects.	Value House of Worship	Other Property.	Sunday Schools.
Antioch	$125 00	.....	$ 5 00	.....	$ 5	.....	.....	$6 10	$400 00	.....	1
Bethesda	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Beech Grove	100 00	.....	8 70	4 35	2 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	.....	.....
Bethany	50 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	575 00	.....
Brushy Fork	100 00	.....	.....	10 25	5 00	.....	.....	30 00	500 00	.....	.....
Central Chepel	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Damascus	230 00	.....	125 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	66 00	.....	.....	.....
Fellowship	250 00	10 00	.....	30 35	5 10	7 00	.....	15 00	500 00	250 00	.....
Gallman	150 0	.....	79 05	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	1250 00	.....	1
Greenbrier	150 00	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	350 00	.....	.....
Hazlehurst	800 00	111 95	.....	75 00	5 00	5 00	125 00	136 00	6000 00	.....	1
New Zion	150 00	.....	68 55	.....	5 00	.....	.....	11 90	1200 00	100 00	1
New Providence	200 00	.....	.....	23 75	3 75	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....
Philadelphia	105 00	5 00	.....	15 00	3 00	22 00	.....	.....	1100 00	100 00	1
Pine Bluff	150 00	.....	28 90	.....	8 00	.....	.....	9 50	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill	150 00	.....	10 35	.....	5 50	.....	.....	.....	150 00	.....	.....
Piedmont	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Port Gibson	36 20	.....	.....	19 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rodney	100 00	.....	.....	22 00	2 85	.....	.....	77 00	2000 00	400 00	.....
Spring Hill	150 00	.....	.....	60 00	.....	.....	.....	15 34	1500 00	117 00	1
Sims' Chapel	100 00	.....	.....	24 00	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Smyrna	125 00	.....	.....	26 35	2 00	.....	.....	.....	402 00	.....	.....
White Oak	150 00	.....	.....	35 25	5 00	7 00	5 00	18 00	.....	.....	2

*Last year for State Missions $20 not reported in Minutes, no letter sent.

WOMEN'S AID SOCIETY LETTERS.

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CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Associa'nal Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Mississippi College.	Repairing Church.	Church Appurt'ces	Visiting Ministers.	Indigent Members.	Sunday School Board.	
Antioch	12 15							6 10				1 05	
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Beech Grove													
Bethany													
Brushy Fork													
Central Chapel													
Damascus						10 00	2 00			5 00	7 00	10 00	
Fellowship													
Gallman													Organized.
Greenbrier													
Hazlehurst													
New Zion													
New Providence													
Philadelphia													
Pine Bluff													
Pleasant Hill													
Piedmont													
Port Gibson													
Rodney													
Spring Hill													
Sims' Chapel													
Smyrna	13 25	14 35	13 00										
White Oak													

DIRECTORY OF UNION ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	LICENTIATES.
Antioch	S. R. Young	Hiram Swinney	Bowerton	
Bethesda	William Stranburg	John Cagel	Red Lick	
Beech Grove	Joseph Buckles	William Holden	Brandywine	
Bethany	J. H. Purser	R. W. Boren	Hermanville	
Brushy Fork	S. R. Young	George F. Boren	Hermanville	
Central Chapel	W. S. Rogers	G. A. Nusom	Union Church	
Damascus	R. H. Purser	J. C. Harris	Hazlehurst	
Fellowship	J. P. Williams	C. F. Edwards	Rodney	
Gallman	I. H. Anding	S. B. Redus	Gallman	
Greenbrier	W. A. McComb	M. D. Foster	Hermanville	
Hazlehurst	S. W. Sibley	C. M. Bankston	Hazlehurst	
New Zion	I. H. Anding	W. C. Green	Crystal Springs	
New Providence	J. Jasper Green	P. H. Davis	Allen	Two
Philadelphia	Joseph Buckles	J. E. Decell	Caseyville	
Pine Bluff	S. R. Young	M. Hood	Utica	One
Pleasant Hill	Joseph Buckles	J. N. Garrett	Union Church	One
Piedmont	William Stranburg	James Brown	Union Church	
Port Gibson	M'ns'y, G. B. Rogers			
Rodney	J. P. Williams	E. L. Bolls	Rodney	
Spring Hill	J. E. Thigpen	A. L. Peagler	Martinsville	
Sims' Chapel	J. P. Williams	T. S. Cotton	Port Gibson	
Smyrna	J. A. Scarbrough	B. Simmons	Hazlehorst	One
White Oak	S. R. Young	W. L. Cooper	Utica	One

Mississippi College,

Clinton, Hinds Co., Miss.

Oldest College in Operation

IN THE STATE.

Number of Students last Session, 220. Faculty efficient; Discipline Firm but kind; Moral Surroundings Superior; Terms Reasonable; Location Healthy and Acceptable; The confidence and Support of the best people of the Country.

The Next Session Begins

SEPTEMBER 26.

Send for Catalogue to President W. S. Webb.

W. T. RATLIFF,
President Board Trustees.

MINUTES OF THE

SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Union Baptist Association

HELD WITH

PINE BLUFF CHURCH

COPIAH COUNTY, MISS.

September 21-24, 1899.

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